

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 3080
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Kazuhisa MUKAI et al)	Art Unit: 1652
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COMMUNICATION REQUIRED BY "INTERVIEW SUMMARY"

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

The last paragraph of the Interview Summary attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 10, 2007, requires applicant to file a "formal written reply" which includes "the substance of the interview".


While this seems to make no sense in view of the allowance of the present application and the fact that the first interview of the series was examiner-initiated, the applicants note for the record that there were a series of telephone conferences between the examiner and applicants' attorney for purposes of working out language which the examiner would accept as not involving claims deemed by the examiner as being substantial duplicates.

Thus, in a telephone call received from the examiner on or about July 20, 2007, the examiner indicated that he considered claims 1, 25 and 36 as being substantial duplicates. While applicants disagreed, discussions commenced, and after a series of negotiations back and forth, the claims as amended in the Examiner's Amendment were agreed upon.

Applicants consider that the amendments in question are not substantial amendments relating to patentability, add no limitations to the claims, and that the scope of the claims is the same or substantially the same as those elected and in the form prior to the Examiner's Amendment.

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